



REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 6-11, 14-16 and 18-20 are still pending in this application. Claims 1-5, 12, 13 and 17 have now been cancelled without prejudice.

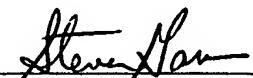
Claims 1-5, 12, 13 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Issachar (U.S. Patent 6,218,949). By the present amendment, applicant has cancelled, without prejudice, claims 1-5, 12, 13 and 17.

Claims 6-11, 14-16 and 18-20 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, applicant has amended claims 6-11, 14-16 and 18-20. These claims have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims. As such, applicant submits that these claims are now allowable.

Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration and that this application be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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